44. In the field of education, my Government will adopt a multi-faceted and integrated approach to secure the objectives of academic peace, quality improvement, skill upgradation, vocationalisation, talent cultivation and administrative efficiency.

45. The texture of pre-primary education is sought to be improved through unification of curriculam, skill upgradation of teachers through in-service training programmes and co-ordination of the efforts of the various agencies involved.

46. My Government will strive to improve the quality of secondary education in consultation with experts and national bodies and through revision of curriculum, syllabus, text books and teaching methods.

47. My Government will encourage the identification and nurturing of talent in sports. Sports schools will be started at Kottayam and Kottakkal soon and one more will be considered for the central regions of the State.

48. My Government are sadly aware of the malpractices and irregularities which have tarnished the image of our Universities. A Commission of Enquiry is proposed to be appointed to look into the irregularities and based on the recommendations of the Commission, purposeful and determined steps will be taken to eliminate the defects in the system. A committee is looking into the draw-backs of the examination system and based on the recommendations of the committee, improvements in the examination system will be effected. My Government will also take firm and decisive steps to improve the discipline and efficiency in the working of the Universities in the State.

49. The questions of grant of non-cadre First Grade Professorship to College teachers and the abolition of the category of Junior Lecturers are engaging the attention of my Government.

50. My Government propose to launch a massive training programme for entrepreneur development for the educated unemployed with the twin objectives of identifying and training adventurous youngmen and women capable of starting industrial ventures and establishing trade and service units in the tertiary sector. This programme is borne out of the realisation that the process of modernisation in the tertiary sector requires priority and that their is abundant scope for developing the latent entrepreneurial talents of the youth at a comparatively low cost. The educational sector will thus be geared to make its contribution for furthering the cause of industrialisation to employment generation through the proposed training programme. The programme envisages that the trained youths will set up industrial units with further back up services and that employment will be generated for about one lakh people in the State.

51. My Government will give maximum encouragement to scientific and technological education. The establishment of a Science and Technological Museum will be expedited.

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